



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 01, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:10 p.m. and Council Member Mello arrived at 12:36 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0762](#)

Second Quarter Financial Report

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager, made opening remarks and reviewed the 2017 2nd Quarter Financial Report, including a 2017 General Fund update on revenues and the General Fund revenue variance.

Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, presented the General Fund expenditures, including expenditure variance, and a detailed look at the expenditure variance and Tacoma Police Department (TPD) vacancies. She then reviewed the General Fund supported funds, Capital Budget updates, and Budget initiative Tracker.

Jared Eyer, Management Analyst, provided information related to the Results 253 dashboard, including its functions, various dashboards, next steps, and timeline.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the Marine Security Operations Center dock settlement, the State's passage of a capital budget, and TPD budget revenues and expenditures.

2. [17-0763](#) Port/Tideflats Safety Enhancements

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Fire Chief Duggan made opening remarks and provided information related to Fire Department safety enhancements and risks in the Port of Tacoma and Tide Flats area, including Fire and Emergency Medical System risks, hazardous materials, oil trains, flammable liquid pipelines, natural and technological risks, challenges, and the Puget Sound Energy Liquefied Natural Gas facility. He then reviewed challenges relating to station locations and response times, Port security and firefighter hiring grants, current agreements, budgetary options, and fiscal impacts.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:36 p.m.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the station components, the process for handling the incident reports from the tide flats and other communities, fiscal impact of hiring additional Firefighters this year versus in the future, the need for placing a station at the Port, the need for a full capacity this year to better the construction process and plan, traffic issues, challenges, the Training Center, the location for a new station, and full operating costs.

Council Member McCarthy presented a Council Consideration Request to direct the City Manager to immediately staff Fire Station No. 5 in the tide flats with a 24-hour engine, to be operated out of the Training Center, until the station is fully operational.

Discussion ensued regarding four-minute response times, medical response and services, personnel working overtime, future grant opportunities, impacts on the City's accreditation, budget for the station, immediately providing coverage, possible opportunity costs, timeline, and the need for communicating with the Port regarding the fire station budget.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0764](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 27, 2017

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements on tonight's agenda.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 2:08 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:23 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:38 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk